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Deer Hunt for People with Disabilities Held at Lake Shelbyville

Lake Shelbyville - The Twenty-First Annual Deer Hunt for People with Disabilities, hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Wolf Creek State Park was held November 19, 20 & 21, 2010. Numerous sponsors, partners and volunteers helped make the event one of the best ever at Lake Shelbyville. Twenty-five hunters harvested twenty-six deer. Eighteen hunters took at least one deer each while eight hunters took two each. The event provided a high quality recreational experience for those members of the outdoor community faced with disabilities. It also served as a management tool to keep deer populations at appropriate levels to limit disease, deer-automobile collisions, and crop and vegetation damage.

Trophies, donated by D to Z Sports in Mattoon, were awarded for the first deer, largest buck (Steve Petho's 22 inch wide eight point; see picture below), largest doe and smallest deer. A grant from the Lakes Volunteer Association provided food and other supplies needed for the three day hunting event. Other donations to the hunt included, drinks provided by Lithia Springs Marina and hats for volunteers provided by Prosser Construction Company.

The hard work of eighteen dedicated volunteers performing a wide variety of tasks allowed the event to run smoothly. Volunteers took hunters to and from the blinds, carried the hunter's gear, retrieved and cleaned harvested deer, and made sure meals were served. The eighteen volunteers donated a total of 448 hours of service over the three day period.

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To obtain more information about volunteering or participating in the hunt, write, phone, or email Park Ranger Brock Key at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office, R.R. 4, Box 128B, Shelbyville, IL 62565, (217) 774-3951 or Jonathon.B.Key@usace.army.mil.



Steve Petho's 22 inch wide eight point